

Review—will amply repay careful study, as will also the editorial discussions.

The most momentous and practical of all the subjects discussed is probably that by Dr. Gregory, in the miscellaneous section, "Is the World of This Generation to be Evangelized?" If it is to be, the author strenuously urges that there must first take place a threefold revolution in the views of Christendom: (1) in the prevalent view of Christian duty and responsibility, (2) in the prevalent view of the supreme aim of life for the Christian; and (3) in the view of the Christian's stewardship of wealth in the kingdom of God. Would that the churches might be induced to give heed to this urgent call, "that the gospel might be speedily borne to the thousand millions of this generation that are perishing."

The number is replete with truth and inspiration for the preacher who is anxious to meet the requirements of his divine vocation.

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Mr. Hamlin Garland's most recent work is a vigorous story of Western life, entitled *The Eagle's Heart*. In this brilliant story he draws a remarkably strong picture of the adventurous life in cowtowns and mining settlements, and shows every phase of the aggressive existence of miner, plainsman and cowboy. An absorbing love story is skillfully woven into the fabric of peril adventure.

The Eagle's Heart, superbly illustrated by Mr. Harrison Fisher, began in *The Saturday Evening Post* for June 16, and runs thru the summer numbers of the magazine.

Quiet Observer

ON TOBACCO

The Fact, The Cause, And The Cure

As Quiet Observer was going down street one day a small boy accosted him saying, "Say mister, I'll swap ye a cigarette for a match." This was an unusual offer. I stopped and entered into conversation with the boy. "Why, do you smoke?" I said. "Why, uncle Tom does and all the big fellows around here." Here is the fact. The selfish tobacco habit of our men and the power of the tobacco industry which has fattened off of that habit until over \$800,000,000.00 are expended annually in the U. S. for the poisonous, filthy weed, these together are bequeathing the habit and the protection of the law for the business, to the innocent children. And that too, the worst form of the evil. Cigarettes are conceded by all to be far more deadly than cigars. The paper covers are usually steeped in some preparation of morphine or other drug in order to incite a craving for more. Competent authorities are telling us that *the cigarette is a greater menace to our American manhood than the saloon!* Think of that. It is time that anti-cigarette leagues are formed as they are being formed all over the country. The prevalence of the habit is fearful. The brains of our youth are being dried up and their bodies filled with disease. This is an awful fact.

THE CAUSE

What causes have brought about such deplorable conditions? Can think of nothing which needs attention more than this. Permit a few observations.

1. Herdity visits the sins of the parents upon the children. A certain minister apologizing to me for tobacco habit said, "I inherited it from my mother." A sweet and pure little girl declared her love for the smell of tobacco. Strange fact. But her father is a slave to it. There is no escape from this law. Even now if the tobacco business were wholly destroyed the effects of the abomination would abide for generations.

2. Social herdity visits the social customs of one generation upon the next. If public sentiment were against tobacco as it is against slavery and polygamy it would be so unpopular to use it that men would find the habit easily dispensed with. The custom of

using it is an inherited social disease which needs treatment. The law of imitation will hold the young to the habits of the older until something be done to change sentiment. As long as it is considered manly to suck a poisonous weed and spit one's manhood away, so long the effect of preaching will be neutralized and the kingdom cannot come.

3. The evil business is organized and has its lobbyists in our legislative halls to further its interests. The force must be dealt with as a political as well as a moral power. Not only appetite but avarice is concerned. These are the two great motives to evil, but they can be overcome because the motives for good are increasing in power, and because God lives they must prevail.

THE CURE

And now a few words concerning the cure.

1. Agitation and education must be the first thing on the program. The animal behind the cloud of foul smoke with his nerves deadened and eyes bleared, does not see how obnoxious he makes his presence to others and, what is worse, he usually does not care. Agitation against the evil may be obnoxious to him, but we can stand that if only we can save the innocent generation coming on. When England learned the condition of her workmen in her mills she enacted laws at once for their protection. The American people need only to be aroused and they will act. Therefore, Blow ye the trumpet, blow.

2. Abstinence will be next in order. A certain father was excusing himself to me for using tobacco saying, "I am too old to quit, but I will never allow my boys to use it." At that very instant his 6-year-old boy came rushing in and said, "Papa, I chewed some tobacco to day." "What!" said the father, "where did you get it?" "Out of your pocket," was the innocent reply. Reflect on the incident brother, and make your own vows.

3. Legislation is indispensable as a cure. The business boasts that it is lawful, and that from its revenues our schools are partly supported, etc. Anathema! Like the red devil of intemperance itself it stands holding out a sop in one hand while it strangles our youth with the other. How long will we elect men to office who care only for the sop? If it is right to enact laws to prevent men from injuring their neighbor's property, is it not right to prevent them from destroying their neighbors children. Aye, is it not right to prevent blind, ignorant parents from cursing the very babes in their cradles with tendencies to vicious habits? Is it not right and more than right? Quiet Observer is not done.

Communion Notices

The Holy Communion, and its concomitant services, are to take place in the Cherry-hill church edifice, Ind. county, Pa., on the evening of July 6. Meeting to commence on the evening of June 27, Lord willing. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the meetings, and a special invitation to all of like precious faith to join in keeping the feast in memory of the Lord until he comes again.

STATE EVANGELIST.

The First Brethren church of Pittsburg, Pa., will hold their quarterly communion on the evening of June 28. Services beginning at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to a seat at our Father's tables.

ROGER E. DARLING, Pastor.

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The brethren of the Fairview congregation, Fayette county, Ohio, will hold communion services June 20, and there will be preaching by brother M. S. White on Monday and Tuesday evenings before communion. The usual invitation is extended to the brethren to be with us.

ISAAC ROSS, Pastor.

—Chicago has a bird hospital, the only one of its kind, it is said, in the world, where sick and wounded birds are received and cared for.

Our Dead

MARSHALL —Harley Leroy Marshall, son of Joseph W. and Martha B. Marshall, was born Oct. 13, 1897, died May 29 1900, aged 3 years, 7 months and 16 days. Little Harley has had his home with his grand parents for over half of his short life. He was an unusual bright child, a favorite of all who knew him, and the stroke is a hard one to bear, but to the bereaved ones we could point them to the great burden bearer, Christ Jesus, who has as of old, taken this little child in his arms to bless for evermore. Another bud has been plucked from earth to blossom and bloom in the paradise of God. Funeral at the Brethren church, conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev Sando of the Christian church. Sermon from Ecclesiastes 9: 5

M. S. WHITE.

MILLER — In the Meyersdale congregation, Somerset Co., Pa., June 4, 1900, brother George Walter Miller, youngest son of deacon and sister Norman E. Miller, aged 13 years, 11 months and 24 days. This very sad death was caused by Walter eating wild parsnips which he thought was sweet anise and the mistake, not withstanding all that two skilled practitioners could do ended in death in less than one short hour. He was a gifted, bright and lovable lad, promising great things for the future, the joy of his father, the love of his mother and the affection of his only brother, over all, the young in years, he was a child of the King, having united with the church nearly two years before his death. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out towards the bereaved family. Truly in the midst of life we are in death. Beloved, may "the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," is the prayer of your pastor. JOHN H. KNEPPER.

—It is rather surprising to find that there were dentists of considerable skill in Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs, but it is a fact. At the same time the artificial incubation of eggs was practiced in Egypt, and at the present day ovens for the purpose are found there.

Announcement

The Ministerial Institute of Indiana will convene this year at Milford. The time is June 26, 27, 28. The Milford Church will gladly care for all who may wish to attend. A number of brethren have already expressed their intention to be present. I hope this may be one of our strongest sessions. Come and help our state work.

G. W. RENCH.

Stanley, Wis.

We take pleasure in telling of our pleasant and successful meetings conducted from May 21, to June 2, by Brother J. O. Talley from Chicago.

May 28, we organized our church at the home of M. Swihart who was chosen deacon. Brother T. D. Van Buren was chosen pastor, and we now are in working order with twenty-three members, nine by baptism and fourteen by relation from G. B.

June 10 we expect to organize Sunday-school, and will organize Young People's Meeting in the near future. Communion has not yet been arranged. We feel very much encouraged about the work here.

MRS. C. B. HOLM, Clerk.